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### DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW)

1. SUMMARY: IN AUGUST 9 CCD INFORMAL MEETING WITH EXPERTS  
ON NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW), POLISH EXPERT GAVE  
RAMBLING DISCOURSE ON THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF ELECTROMAGNETIC  
AND ACOUSTIC WAVES. UK REP DESCRIBED OVERALL BRITISH VIEW  
OF MDW QUESTION, AND BRITISH EXPERT ANALYZED LEGAL AND  
HISTORICAL ASPECTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. SOVIET REP (LIKHACHEV) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT OPENING  
OF FOURTH ROUND OF MDW INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS, CALLING  
FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TAKEN IN  
PRECEDING SESSIONS.

3. POLISH REP (WYZNER) INTRODUCED POLISH EXPERT (MALECKI)

WHO GAVE PRESENTATION ON DANGER OF ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES ("ESPECIALLY BELOW TEN GIGAHERTZ") AND INFRASOUND ACOUSTIC WAVES ("ESPECIALLY BELOW TEN HERTZ"). THE DAMAGE, HE SAID, WOULD BE AGGRAVATED BY THE HUMAN ORGANISM'S RESONANCE FREQUENCIES FOR REACTION TO VIBRATIONS. ON THE QUESTION OF BEAM CONCENTRATION, HE DECLARED, DIFFUSION TECHNIQUES COULD PROTECT A COUNTRY'S OWN TERRITORY.

4. UK REP (ASHE), REFERRING TO JULY 28 PLENARY STATEMENT BY UK MINISTER OF STATE (GORONWY-ROBERTS), SAID THAT HMG "CANNOT SEE THAT ANY GENERAL TREATY BANNING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION COULD BE PRECISE ENOUGH OVER DEFINITIONS AND OVER VERIFICATION TO ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE AND TO AVOID THE DANGER OF FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS." INSTEAD, UK REP STATED, UK REMAINS IN FAVOR OF UNGA RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, CONDEMNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MDW AND CALLING ON CCD TO KEEP THE MATTER UNDER REVIEW.

5. UK EXPERT (MR. ROY DEAN, DIRECTOR OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT RESEARCH UNIT IN FCO) REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF THE TERM "WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION," BEGINNING WITH A US-UK-CANADIAN JOINT DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 1945, CONTINUING WITH AN ANALYSIS OF THE AUGUST 12, 1948 DEFINITION REACHED BY THE UN COMMISSION FOR CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS, AND CONCLUDING WITH CITATIONS FROM OPERATIVE PORTIONS OF THE OUTER SPACE AND SEABEDS TREATIES, AS WELL AS FROM THE PREAMBLE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. UK EXPERT WENT ON TO DISCUSS THE UNDERSTANDINGS RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION, SAYING THAT THEY ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF PRECISION IN DESCRIBING THE SCOPE OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND THE INTENSIVE EFFORT NEEDED TO DO SO.

6. DELIVERY SYSTEMS, THE UK EXPERT MAINTAINED, SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON MDW, WHICH SHOULD INSTEAD CONCENTRATE ON WEAPONS. AIRCRAFT OR MISSILES NORMALLY HAVE OTHER USES, HE SAID, AND THUS "WOULD NOT BE BANNED OUTRIGHT BY ANY TREATY WHICH MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED TO DEAL WITH THE WEAPONS THEMSELVES."

7. CONCLUDING, THE UK EXPERT STATED THAT QUOTE UK HAS MADE CLEAR THAT IT CONDEMNS THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS AS DESTRUCTIVE AS NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR LETHAL CHEMICAL WEAPONS. IF GENERAL AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED THAT SOME NEW DEVELOPMENT CONSTITUTED A MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPON THEN THE CCD MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONSIDER HOW SUCH A WEAPON COULD BE BANNED AND HOW SUCH A BAN COULD BE VERIFIED. UNQUOTE.

8. SECOND INFORMAL MEETING ON MDW WAS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 10, AT 3:00 P.M. VANDEN HEUVEL

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